



## At the Theatres.

### AT THE ACADEMY.

Friday, Matinee and Night, "David Harum."  
Saturday, Matinee and Night, "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

There will be only two attractions at the Academy this week—David Harum for Christmas day, matinee and night, and "When Knighthood Was in Flower," which plays matinee and night on Saturday.

Both of these attractions will be presented by strong companies.

The season now half over has been a prosperous one to Thomas G. Leath, all of his houses keeping above last year, which was the banner one.

From the North and East there have sounded many moans over hard times and dull times with theatrical people. In this part of the country it has been otherwise, the theatres all doing splendidly.

The attractions at the Academy have been very strong, and Mr. Leath's have not failed to respond to his efforts to make the season an artistically brilliant one.

### Xmas at Academy.

"David Harum," as dramatized from Wescott's book, will be presented by an exceptionally strong company, under the direction of Julius Cahn at the Academy Christmas matinee and night.

The comedy, which is one of the greatest successes of the times, ran the greater part of one season in New York. Its tour last year took in Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, in which cities it enjoyed such long runs and won unstinted favor. Its presentation here is certain to attract a crowded house.

All of the scenes of the comedy are laid in Homerville, N. Y., the opening one being an exterior showing a bit of Harum's bank on the side, Aunt Polly's house on the other, and the barn in the background. The characters are all introduced before Harum comes into view, and when he does it is after his experience with the bumpy bay horse on the River road.

"Where have you been?" demands Aunt Polly.

"On a small matter of business," answers David.

"Business, that's what you call it," she replies.

"I know," says David. "Business is business ain't part of the Golden Rule, till allow. The way it usually reads is: 'Do unto the other feller as he would like to do unto you, only do him first.'"

Then follows the talk to John Lenox, the new cashier, and the admonition of Aunt Polly's "Boys, when you get a ten dollar bill you want to get it into your or enter as soon as you can, for we're here to-day and away to-morrow, and there ain't no pocket in a shroud."

One of the features in this act is the horse trade between David and Deacon Perkins, and it is said to be very cleverly worked.

The second act shows David's room next to the office of the bank. While in the preceding act Harum's swooping propensities are shown, in this the cold business side of his character and his desire to get the best of everybody is pictured. Among the incidents and the talk with Bill Montague, the village tough, the matter of the counterfeit bills



KITTY WOLF, AS MADGE,  
In Across the Pacific at the Blou.

thing else that he has ever shown to the public.

### "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

Rosalie Knott will be the leading lady in "When Knighthood Was in Flower." She is new in this section, but she comes with high recommendations from the critics. For the part of Mary Tudor there is required exceptional emotional ability, which Miss Knott is said to have. The play is a dramatization by Paul Kester, who is among the foremost of the living dramatists. It abounds with thrilling scenes and tableaux, and affords splendid opportunity for richness in costuming and setting.

The mounting of the play is said to be all that can be desired.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower" will be at the Academy matinee and night.

### A Hot Old Time.

The attraction at the Academy December 23rd will be the popular Ray's "A Hot Old Time," which comes as an entirely new production, complete in every detail. Since its last appearance over \$25,000 has been spent on this successful musical review, or spectacular extravaganza.



WILLIAM H. TURNER,  
As David Harum, at The Academy.

and David's advice to Lenox to put them in a drawer, as they are all right as long as they are kept moving. There is the resignation of Port Chet Timson, and finally the securing of the mortgages on the Widow Culom's property.

Aunt Polly's sitting room is the scene and Christmas morning the time of the last act. Incident follows upon the heels of incident with rapidity in this act, but the feature of it all is the story of the visit of the circus with Billy P., told by Harum as he sits by the open fire-place smoking a very bad cigar. At its conclusion when the old man recalls the good that Billy P. did him and he gives back the widow her house and farm, there comes a gentle touch of emotion that is very strong. The play ends with the Christmas dinner and the opening of that famous bottle of champagne.

There are fourteen characters in the comedy, and they are said to be in capable hands.

Mr. Turner in his make-up of Harum follows minutely Webster's description of the old fellow. His individual success in the play is said to overshadow any-

ganza, whichever one has a mind to term it. The result is that in the present edition everything is glitteringly bright, brilliant and beautiful. The costumes alone are a feature which will not fail to attract and please, and the music includes all of the latest and best popular selections of the day. The company includes such clever artists as Lottie West Symonds, Eddie Weston, the three Nelson Sisters, John McMahon, Eddie Collins, William Seely, Gusie Nelson, Leon Mayo, Theo. Fortune and H. C. Browning. The chorus numbers twenty, and the members include the most beautiful and talented young women of New York's famous show girls. In this connection it may be said that the management of "A Hot Old Time" has wisely determined that the day is past when the public will accept as chorus girls young women who are more adapted to labor in the kitchen than they are to shine on the stage. Every member of this famous chorus is an artist, and before her engagement had to pass a rigid examination as to quality of voice, degree of intelligence and beauty of person. Such a procedure is necessary when young women who are to wear costumes costing

### Kecey and Shannon.

"Sherlock Holmes," the dramatic success employed by Mr. Herbert Kecey and Miss Effie Shannon for this season is being presented on every continent of the globe.

Two companies, in England, one in South Africa, one doing the drama in India and the English settlements of China and the Pacific peninsula. It has been translated into French and is now touring the interior departments of that republic. Germany and Denmark have not been overlooked, and has been produced there with considerable success. This record for a drama has never been equaled, with the possible exception of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

### BIG WEEK IN TOBACCO.

A Record-Breaking Day on the Warehouse Floor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH BOSTON, Dec. 19.—On Tuesday there was more tobacco sold on this market than ever before; quarter of million pounds was disposed of for about \$3,000. This was the record-breaking day. Since then breaks have been quite full and prices well up, 5,000,000 pounds of the 1903 crop have been sold on this market.

Farmers are much elated at the prices they are now receiving.

Merchants are having good sales for their goods, and every one is cheerful and looking forward to a merry Christmas.

### A Youthful Pedagogue.

The youngest pedagogue in Missouri, and perhaps, in the United States, is teaching a country school near Gainesville, in the Ozark Mountains. He is Glen Harrison, aged thirty years. Glen is the oldest son of Guy T. Harrison, a lawyer. He completed the course of study of the Gainesville public schools in March, 1902. The same month he took the examination given candidates for third grade teachers' certificates in Ozark county, making a good average and securing a certificate. He continued to study, and just after he became thirteen years old he took the examination for a second grade certificate. This time his average grade was the highest made, being 96 per cent.

### MAJOR CHARLES R. SKINKER.

The vestry of All Saints' Church, especially called this eighteenth day of December, 1903, to take action on the death of their friend and the interest in the death of Major Charles R. Skinker, desire to lay upon record the following minutes:

In the death of Major Charles R. Skinker, Richmond has lost one of its noblest citizens, the cause of right and truth one of its most efficient advocates, and All Saints' Church one of its best members and its strongest supporters. His interest in All Saints' from its foundation was of the highest order, and from the time he became one of its vestrymen he filled the office with an efficiency second to none. Always cheerful, always optimistic, never for a moment doubting, that "truth is mighty and will prevail," he was like a light shining on a dark night to those inclined to take a less hopeful view of things, and many a time did he make the vestry, by his fund of humor and pleasant

Looking upon the church as the house of God, as the place where God met with his people, it was not only a duty, but a pleasure and a privilege to be there, and no trivial excuse ever kept him away from his regular seat during the hours of quietude.

To the Christian man, to the man living with the realization of God's presence, death has no terrors, and he is ready to go to his reward, and he willingly and readily obeyed.

The vestry would express their sorrow at parting from their beloved friend and their wise counselor. To his sorrowing family they offer their sincerest sympathy, and commend them to his loving care in the hour of sorest need to the Christ in whom he so faithfully believed, and whom he so faithfully followed.

Resolved, That this minute be spread upon the records of the vestry, and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased fellow vestryman.

Resolved, further, That this minute be printed in the Southern Churchman and The Times-Dispatch of this city, and in the Churchman of New York.

Resolved, That the vestry attend the funeral as early as possible.

ROBERT G. THORNTON,  
Acting Register.

# TO PLEASE A MAN

GIVE HIM SOMETHING FOR  
HIS PERSONAL COMFORT

There is at least one store in the city that has made a special study of the wants of man—not only his every day wants, but those things which will go to make him happy on Christmas. That store is Burks', the Main-Street Outfitters. Here is every possible conceit, those things that are useful and necessary, and those things that are only fads, but being fads are essential to the stylish man. On Saturday the great Semi-Annual Reduction Sale began at Burks, and will continue this week. The prices below tell the story.

### Men's Suits and Overcoats

Unrestricted choice of Suits or Overcoats that were—

\$10.00, now.....\$ 6.75  
\$12.50 and \$15.00, now.....\$ 9.50  
\$16.50 and \$18.00, now.....\$12.50  
\$20.00 and \$22.50, now.....\$14.50

### Boys' Long Pants Suits.

Choice of \$ 8.50, \$ 9.00 Suits...\$ 5.95  
Choice of \$10.00, \$12.50 Suits...\$ 6.75  
Choice of \$15.00, \$18.00 Suits...\$ 9.50  
Choice of \$20.00 Suits, now...\$12.50

### Young Men's Overcoats.

Choice of \$10.00 Overcoats, now...\$ 6.75  
Choice of \$12.50, \$15.00 Overcoats...\$ 9.50  
Choice of \$18.00 Overcoats, now...\$ 9.50  
Choice of \$20.00 Overcoats, now...\$12.50  
Choice of \$22.50 Overcoats, now...\$14.50

Every garment placed on sale is of our own superior manufacture, made by us for this season's selling, embracing everything that is new and desirable, and are not a lot of odds and ends and broken sizes, nor a collection of undesirable styles. You get the unrestricted choice of our entire stock.

## Children's Department.

Mothers will more than find it their duty to read carefully every item enumerated and advertised in this department. Greater savings and bigger bargain opportunities than we have ever offered in any preceding sale. Everything is cut—choicest Suits and Overcoats sacrificed unmercifully to clean up. Bring a copy of this advertisement—call for any article advertised—it is here:

### Boys' and Children's Suits

Unrestricted choice of Childs' Double-Breasted Suits—Three Piece Suits, Sailor Blouse Suits, Sailor Norfolk Suits, Russian Blouse Suits—

Choice of \$2.50 and \$3.00 Suits...\$1.95  
Choice of \$3.50 and \$4.00 Suits...\$2.45  
Choice of \$4.50 and \$5.00 Suits...\$2.95  
Choice of \$6.00 and \$6.50 Suits...\$3.45  
Choice of \$7.00 and \$7.50 Suits...\$3.95

### Boys' and Children's Overcoats,

including all styles and shapes of short, long and medium coats, as well as fancy coats for the little tots—

Choice of \$2.50, \$3.00 Overcoats...\$1.95  
Choice of \$3.50, \$4.00 Overcoats...\$2.45  
Choice of \$4.50, \$5.00 Overcoats...\$2.95  
Choice of \$6.00, \$6.50 Overcoats...\$3.45  
Choice of \$7.00, \$7.50 Overcoats...\$3.95  
Choice of \$8.00, \$8.50 Overcoats...\$4.45  
Choice of \$9.00 Overcoats...\$4.95

### Children's Furnishings.

Mothers' Friend 50 and 75c  
Waists ..... 33c  
Fast-Black, Extra-Heavy Boys' Stockings, all sizes to 10; regular 15c quality..... 9c  
Boys' Woolen Knee Pants, extra heavy, strong and durable; worth 50c..... 25c  
Boys' Woolen Sweaters, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, fancy and plain designs ..... 79c

### Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats

Broken sizes of \$5 and \$6 Coats...\$2.45  
Choice of regular \$5.00 Coats...\$3.45  
Choice of \$6.50 and \$7.00 Coats...\$4.45  
Choice of \$7.50, \$8, \$10 Coats...\$4.95  
Choice of \$14.50, \$15.00 Coats...\$6.95

### Holiday Gifts

of Various Sorts  
at Greatly  
Reduced Prices.

### Bath Robes.

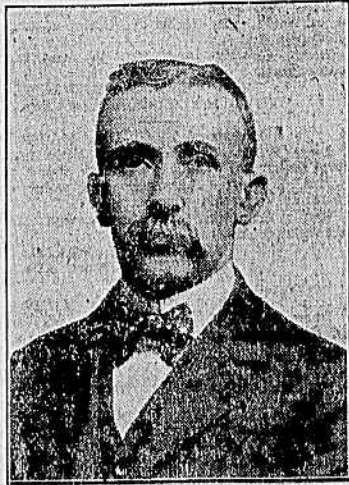
Choice of \$ 5.00, \$ 6.00 Robes...\$3.95  
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Choice of \$ 7.50, \$ 8.50 Robes...\$4.95  
Choice of \$10.00, \$12.50 Robes...\$6.95  
Choice of \$15.00 Robes...\$7.45

# BURK & CO., 1003 East Main Street.

## MR. C. K. WILLIS TO CONDUCT AGENCY

A Well-Known Insurance Man Changes His Field of Work.

Mr. Charles K. Willis, treasurer of the Virginia State Insurance company, has resigned his position, and will engage in the general agency business. His resignation is effective December 31st. Mr. Willis has a record of twenty-five successful years in the insurance business, and enters the agency field with bright prospects. The change is made largely in order that he may escape routine office work. Mr. Willis will have the agency of the Virginia State and the



MR. CHARLES K. WILLIS.

Traders Insurance Company, of Chicago. His office will be located in the News Leader building, at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets.

Mr. Willis is a son of the late William Willis, Jr., secretary of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company. He is well remembered by the older business men of Richmond.

With the exception of one year, when he was in the book business, Mr. Willis has spent the whole of his active career in the insurance business.

He organized the German-American Banking and Building Company, with a capital of \$100,000, in November, 1900. He was then made secretary and treasurer, and has held the position ever since. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Rosebush Land Company.

### Dr. E. C. Levy Here.

Dr. Ernest C. Levy, who for the past year has been engaged in an important

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### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUART MONUMENT FUND

The following contributions were collected for the Stuart monument during the week by the ladies of Richmond Chapter of the Stuart Monument Association:

Mr. Edgar Allen, \$1; Mr. C. Whippleman, \$2; Mrs. J. F. Rohrer, \$1; Tappanbrook Chapter, \$5; Mrs. Austin Brockebrough, \$1; Dr. C. W. P. Brock, \$1; Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, \$1; Dr. Charles B. Brock, \$1; Captain A. Tyler Brock, \$1; Charlie Brock Hayes, \$1; Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss, in memory of General Peyton Wise, \$2.50; Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss, in memory of Major N. V. Randolph, \$2.50; Mrs. J. A. Morris, \$1; Mrs. L. W. Wise, \$1; Mrs. W. G. Briggs, \$1; Mrs. J. H. Capers, \$1; Mrs. John Campbell Hagan, \$1; Mr. S. A. Ford, Veteran Cavalryman, his children and grandchildren, Tyro, Va., \$20; Black Horse Chapter (second contribution), \$5; Mrs. Olway Allen, \$1; Mrs. John E. Etcheverry, \$1; Mrs. J. S. E., in memory of Major N. V. Randolph, \$1; Charles E. Digges, Moberly, Missouri, \$1; Mrs. Hunter McGuire, \$5; Mrs. George J. Hunley, Matthews county, \$1; Mrs. Francis Boykin, \$2; Miss Anna Boykin, \$1.

### Germania Lodge Officers.

The election of officers of Germania Lodge, No. 15, K. of P., at the last meeting, resulted as follows:

C. C. J. Henry Schmidt; V. M. Morris; P. George C. Dietrich; K. of R. T. C. T. Leher; M. of F. J. C. Siebert; M. of E. O. A. Meister; M. of A. W. Gehrmann; L. G. R. T. Carlson; O. G. W. Hense; Rep. J. H. Schmidt; D. D. D. DeWitt; Trustees: C. Dunker, P. Hoffman and G. Franch.

### Temperance Sociable.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will give a sociable for its members Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Vaughan Lloyd, No. 520 North Ninth Street. All the members are cordially invited.

### A BALD NEWSPAPER MAN.

Getting a New Crop of Hair, and Has No

Everybody in the Northwest knows Colonel Daniel Searles, the veteran journalist and publisher of Butte, January 10, 1900, the Colonel writes: "I used a couple of bottles of Herpel's Hairdressing, and a new crop of hair has taken root, and the bald spot is rapidly being covered." Herpel's is the only hair preparation that kills the dandruff germ that its way to the root of the hair, where it destroys the vitality of the hair, causing the hair to fall out. Kill the dandruff germ, with Herpel's. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpel Co., Detroit, Mich. Owens & Minor Drug Co., Special Agents.

### REMARKABLE FARM.

There Has Never Been a Death Upon It in Sixty Years.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., Dec. 19.—Mr. R. R. Joffress lives on his farm, about five miles west of here, which was given him by his father nearly forty years ago.

Mr. Joffress tells of a circumstance in connection with this farm that is remarkable. He says he has known the place for sixty-one years, and that there has never been a death of his knowledge in these long years. Mr. Joffress is seventy-three years old and has resided on this place nine children, the oldest being thirty-six years old, all of whom are still living.

In addition to Mr. Joffress' own family he was the owner of a considerable number of slaves, who resided on this farm. None of whom ever died upon the place. Mr. Joffress is a man of the highest character, and no one who knows him would question any statement he made.

Mr. J. H. Lett, who has his leg broken a week or two since, is getting on nicely. His leg was badly broken.

### Resigns Pastorate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMORN, VA., Dec. 19.—Rev. John R. Thomas has resigned the pastorate of Potomac Baptist Church, near this place, and it is understood that his services will terminate on the fourth Sunday in this month. Mr. Thomas has served the Potomac congregation three years.

Mrs. Bettie Gravatt, of Caroline, is here visiting her niece, Mrs. R. L. Clare.

It is announced that Mr. Frank Cook and Miss Jennie Perrygo of this county will be married at Potomac Church on Tuesday evening, December 22.

Mr. Dan Wirt, of Oak Grove, left several days ago for Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Peyton, of this neighborhood, gave a party Thursday night in honor of their daughter's, Miss Lola's sixteenth birthday anniversary.

Mr. Emmet Gouldman, of upper Westmoreland, is having an immense fish packing establishment erected at Wilkerson's Wharf, on the Potomac River.

### VIRGINIA GIRLS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WELDON, N. C., Dec. 19.—A party of six pretty Virginia girls as ever crossed the line of tar came here last evening from Emporia, Va., and gave one of the most delightful and refreshing entertainments ever witnessed upon any amateur stage, but the maids who appeared in it were about the prettiest, happiest and jolliest ripples of human sunshine that your correspondent's eye has rested upon in many a long day, and they were applauded at every stage of the play to the very echo.

Among those who took part were Misses: Prince, Turner, Tillar, Newsom and Council.

### URGE QUARLES TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 19.—The many friends of Judge J. M. Quarles are urging

him to stand for the Democratic nomination for Congress from this district. He was elected to Congress some years ago, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention.

A number of petitions are being circulated throughout the city asking that the Governor commute the sentence of the convicted term before last in the County Court of wrecking a Norfolk and Western train in this county one year ago. The petitions are being freely signed, and the sentiment of the community seems to be that Kennedy should be commuted, as his accessories in the crime were sentenced to serve terms, and he to pay the death penalty.

### GLOUCESTER.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER, C. H., Dec. 19.—

Among the entertainments of the week were a beautiful lunch, given by the Misses Dabney, of "The Exchange," in honor of Mrs. Manton and Miss Hand, of New York, a card party by Miss Clifton, of Haver's Hall, a tea by Mrs. Charles E. Cary, and a church sociable by the

Misses Tabb, of New Shade.

In the account of the unweaving exercises at Gloucester Courthouse last week the papers failed to take note of the fact that the large number of distinguished strangers who were present from a distance on that occasion met with the hospitality for which Tidewater Virginia is celebrated. Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cary met and entertained these ladies and gentlemen in the most representative Gloucester manner.

### OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

Holiday excursion tickets will be sold between Richmond and Norfolk and return at special rate of \$5.00. Tickets on sale at either Richmond or Norfolk on December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, 1903, and January 1st, 1904, good for return passage until January 4th, 1904.

On presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendent, principal or president of college or school, excursion tickets will be sold at the above rates to students, December 18th to 25th, inclusive, good for return passage until January 5th, 1904.

JOHN F. MAYER,  
Foot Ash Street.

H. B. WALKER, V. P. & T. M.,  
New York, N. Y.

K. F. CHALKLEY, City Ticket Agt.,  
808 East Main Street.

To the Public:

Owing to rush of business, our two stores will be open next week till 10 P. M. Thursday night, 12 P. M.

Two Largest Grocery Stores in the City,  
Down Town, 1820-1822 E. Main St.  
Up Town, 508 E. Marshall.

"Read Sydnor & Hundley's ad. to-day."

Read the great ad. of S. Ulman's Son in to-day's paper. It's a regular money-saver.

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